

book's usefulness is primarily due to this feature. The enumeration of pathological entities underlying painful sensation, even of the more simple anatomical regions, taxes the clinical abilities even of the most experienced observers. One cannot but question at times the accuracy of the author's interpretation of pain in obscure conditions.

The differential diagnosis of conditions producing cardiac pain is well done, especially that section pertaining to angina pectoris. The importance of a clear understanding of angina pectoris and pseudoangina cannot be too greatly emphasized.

No portion of the anatomy has been slighted by Dr. Ortner in his very careful and discriminating discussion of the etiology of pain. His work shows throughout the background of a vast clinical experience, coupled with the keen insight of a trained observer, and links him with other primary clinicians and observers, such as McKenzie, Albutt, and Wenckbach.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

International Clinics, a Quarterly of Illustrated Clinical Lectures and especially prepared Original Articles on Treatment, Medicine, Surgery, Neurology, etc. By leading members of the medical profession throughout the world. Edited by Henry W. Cattell, M. D., Philadelphia, with the collaboration of a distinguished board. Volume II, Thirty-fourth Series, 1924. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1924.

The Nature of Love. By Emmanuel Berl. Authorized translation by Fred Rothwell. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1924.

Diabetes, Its Treatment by Insulin and Diet, a Handbook for the Patient. By Orlando H. Petty, M. D., Professor of Diseases of Metabolism, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. With several illustrations. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1924.

Manual of the Diseases of the Eye, for Students and General Practitioners. By Charles H. May, M. D., Director and Visiting Surgeon Eye Service, Bellevue Hospital, New York. Eleventh edition, revised. With 374 original illustrations, including 23 plates, with 73 colored figures. New York: William Wood & Company, 1924.

Goiter: Non-surgical Types and Treatment. By Israel Bram, M. D., Instructor in Clinical Medicine, Jefferson Medical College. New York: Macmillan Company, 1924. Compliments of the author.

The Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War, Volume XI, Surgery, Part Two. Prepared under the direction of Major-General M. W. Ireland, M. D., Surgeon-General of the Army. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1924.

Amputations, Operative Technique—Formation and After Treatment of the Stump from the Standpoint of Prosthesis. A study based on 1700 cases of amputation for injuries and disease occurring in the World War and since its termination. By Norman Thomas Kirk, M. D., Major Medical Corps, U. S. Army. Published under the authority and with the approval of the Surgeon-General, U. S. Army. Copyright 1924, The Medical Interpreter.

Looking Back—It is a good thing occasionally for a physician to cast his mind back to the economic and pathologic failures that he has made, so states the Medical Sentinel (July, 1924). He may not wish to recount them to his neighbors or publish them to the world, but it is undoubtedly true that one may learn as much from his failures as from his successes.

CORRESPONDENCE

In accordance with the request of the American Children Health Association, we are publishing the following essay as submitted. Some phases of this problem are discussed editorially in this issue:

Editor California State Journal of Medicine, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir: We will appreciate the publication of the enclosed article on the Far Western Child Health Demonstration. Sincerely yours,

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FOURTH CHILD HEALTH DEMONSTRATION

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Recently the Commonwealth Fund Committee of New York City announced that "Some community of the Far West is to have an opportunity for national assistance in showing how far it may, during the next five years, safeguard the life and health of its mothers and children, as a contribution to a national program for the health of children." Continuing, the announcement reads: "There will be one paramount consideration in making the choice, namely, the sincerity of the community's desire to develop and complete a rounded child health plan for the community as a whole."

Manifestly, the success of "a complete and rounded child health plan for a community as a whole" must be conditioned upon the sympathetic support and hearty co-operation of the medical profession of the community selected. In the 1923 annual report of the Commonwealth Fund, page 13, is found the following statement:

"Whatever be the merits of state medicine, the Commonwealth Fund is not lending its influence to anything of the sort. It has no desire to interfere with the practice of private physicians; on the contrary, their co-operation has been sought and freely offered. An educational and preventive program of this character, far from decreasing the need of the physician's service, should increase it. Absolutely no remedial work is or will be done; while the influence of the demonstration staff is constantly exerted in educating people to make use of the physician's services in order not alone to get well but to keep well."

The objectives of the demonstration might be summarized as follows:

1. By careful inventory and study, to determine the health needs of the community.
2. To prepare a program that may adequately meet these needs.
3. To select a personnel of such training and experience as may give reasonable assurance of maximum results.
4. To measure and evaluate methods, results and costs for general publication.
5. To conduct the demonstration along practical lines, so as to stimulate other communities in the Far West to undertake similar activities for child health.

Special consideration will be given to health teaching in the schools, for it is believed that the solution of the health problem for individual, community and nation rests upon the teaching of health in our schools, which must be of a kind and character to register in the formation of positive health habits. If, with the inculcation of health habits in the school and the home, the on-coming generation can be taught that to seek the advice of the doctor in matters of health as well as disease is but common sense and prudence, that the opinions of the untrained and uneducated neighborhood granny or quack are fraught with potential danger, as is also the patent

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